Francis Marion University Intent to Award Posting Date: 05/12/2022

This is a statement of intent to award a contract and becomes the official statement of award effective at **5:31 pm EST on May 23, 2022**, unless otherwise suspended or cancelled. Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the final statement of award serves as acceptance of your offer.

Contractor should not perform work or incur any costs associated with the contract prior to the effective date of the contract. Contractor should not perform work prior to the receipt of a purchase order from Francis Marion University. The University assumes no liability for any expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the contract and issuance of a purchase order.

Solicitation:	IFB-2386
Description:	Provide Professional Tree Care & Removal Services
Issue Date:	04/05/2022
Opening Date/Time:	05/12/2022 at 2:00 pm EST
Intended Award Date:	05/24/2022 at 8:00 am EST
Awarded To:	State Tree Service, LLC
	852 S. Guignard Drive
	Sumter, SC 29150
Value:	Total Cost Per Hour for Standard Crew of Three Workers: \$270.00/hour
	Estimated value of \$20,000 each year. Contract for one year with four additional one-year options to renew.
	Estimated value over 5 year term will vary based on usage needs, storms, etc. Amount is, therefore, unknown, but estimated contract value attained from past contract payments. If storms, etc., value could exceed \$100,000.

Any actual bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest within ten days of the date notification of award is posted in accordance with the S.C. Consolidated Procurement Code. A protest shall be in writing, shall set forth the grounds of the protest and the relief requested with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided, and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. [Section 11-35-4210].

PROTEST – CPO ADDRESS – MMO: Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing

(a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov,

(b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or

(c) by post or delivery to:

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICE 1201 MAIN STREET, SUITE 600 COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201

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